

EU haz waste laws to force auto businesses to register with EA

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Haz Waste Law To Impact Automotive Trade - Firms Must Register Premises With EA

The OSS Group is offering to help automotive businesses deal with the latest Hazardous Waste legislation that comes into effect on July 16th 2005.

Items such as waste oil, used batteries, oil filters, anti-freeze, brake fluid, contaminated rags and fluorescent tubes will be reclassified as 'hazardous' and can't be co-disposed of with general waste.

Automotive businesses will now have to register with the Environment Agency (EA) before they produce any such items and before they can have their hazardous waste collected. Without this registration, waste companies will not be able to collect or dispose of their wastes.

The OSS Group is offering to handle the entire registration process on their customers' behalf and have produced a Customer Bulletin detailing the process. (Please contact Niall Dologhan on 020 8543 2299 or n.dologhan@kestrelcomms.co.uk for a PDF version).

Specific details of every premises producing hazardous waste are required by the Environment Agency. On receipt of the information the EA will issue a Premises Code, which will then be used as part of the notification process in all future waste collections.

Businesses producing hazardous waste will need a separate registration for each of their operating sites, as every site will need its own Premises Code.

In addition to the rules relating to the registration requirements automotive businesses will also be expected to demonstrate that their waste is being disposed of correctly.

This puts a major emphasis on businesses to introduce measures to properly segregate, handle and store their wastes as well as minimise the amount being sent to landfill. As Europe's leading provider of hazardous waste solutions OSS is ideally placed to advise and help automotive businesses through these changes with the minimum of fuss and disruption.

Andy McNair, Managing Director of the OSS Group, said, "We are very happy to be able to offer the registration service to the automotive sector. The new regulations threaten to catch many dealers, garages and body shops out. Many are either unaware of the new regulations or don't understand the impact they could have on their business. The consequences of not complying will be major fines, potential imprisonment and huge damage to reputations."

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Editors notes:

· For further press information please contact Niall Dologhan on 020 8543 2299 or at n.dologhan@kestrelcomms.co.uk

· The OSS Group

The OSS Group is Europe's leading provider of hazardous waste solutions. It provides the most practical, cost effective and environmentally responsible solutions for the safe disposal of hazardous wastes.

OSS has an extensive fleet of over 100 vehicles operating from 16 waste transfer stations and processing plants strategically located across the UK. This enables OSS to offer its clients full national coverage. Through this network the OSS Group provides a complete package of services encompassing the collection, treatment, reprocessing, recycling and disposal of hazardous waste materials.

As part of this service the OSS Group handles all the essential but time consuming paperwork, leaving its customers free to concentrate on their own businesses, confident that their waste is being managed and disposed of in a compliant, safe, reliable and professional manner.